

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.6
Historic Name:	Freeman, Sylvanus House
Common Name:	
Address:	375 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	21-001
Year Constructed:	r 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Cut; Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

EAS. 6

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Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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USGS Quad

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Area(s)

Form Number

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Town

Eastham



neighborhood or village)

375 State Highway

c Name

Present Residential

Original "

Construction Mid 19th century
with later additions.

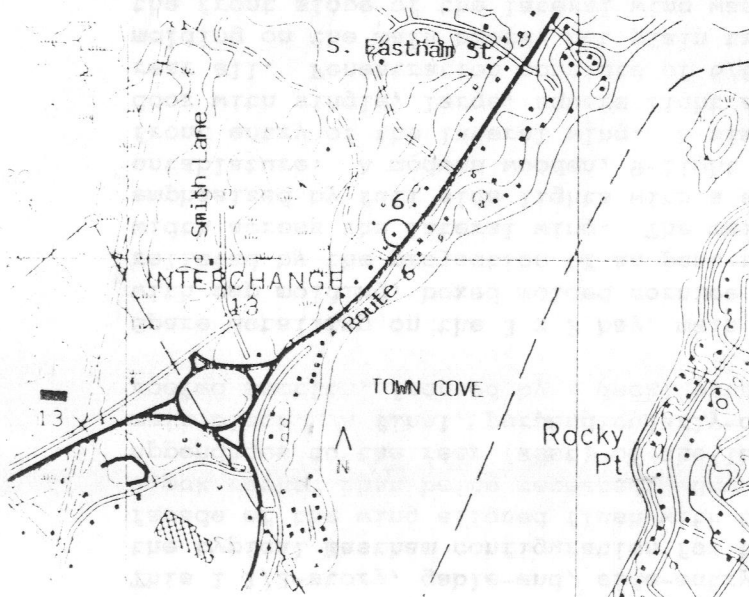
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form Greek Revival, gable-end,
side-entry with lateral wing.

ct/Builder

r Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation Cut Stone (Main Block side and
rear ell) Brick (Rear Smoke House)

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Free-
standing garage with attached greenhouse;
free-standing, modern shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)

See Architectural Description.

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .6 acres

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: May 1995

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.

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BUILDING FORM

375 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, gable-end, side-entry dwelling with lateral wing represents the typical Eastham configuration for this common, local form in having the facade of the wing aligned flush with the plane of the facade on the main block rather than being recessed. Unusual here is the accumulation of appendages to the rear (west) of the lateral wing rather than off the main block. A final, perpendicularly-oriented, modern, one-story, gable-roofed section, fronted by a deck, extends the rear additions into an L-shape.

Spare detailing on the 3 x 2 bay, main block is limited to wide end boards with cap molding, boxed molded cornice and plain frieze. The flush facade is relieved by the projection of an pent-roofed porch with enclosed rail, full-width across the lateral wing. The main entry of 6-panel, wooden door is emphasized by full side lights with a surround of pilasters supporting an entablature. A modern wooden, 9-light cottage door has been installed in the front entry of the lateral wing. A similar door and a period wooden cottage door with single, large, square light are utilized on secondary entries in the rear ell. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash in trim with cap molding on the main block, but plain trim on the rear ell. The shed dormer on the front slope of the lateral wing was added in 1966. Earlier chimneys have been replaced by one on the outside end at the south elevation of the lateral wing.

Secondary structures include a free-standing, modern (1964), 1-story, shingled, 2-bay garage with attached greenhouse located northwest of the dwelling and a tiny, free-standing shed with "salt-box" roof to the north.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Local historian, Howard Quinn, and title research on file at the Eastham Historical Society archives attributes this house to Sylvanus Freeman who purchased property from John and Hannah Walker in 1859 for \$550 and apparently built the house ten years later. Sylvanus Freeman is still shown at this property in 1908, but is listed without occupation in the 1901 directory. No reference to him was located in local secondary sources or in Smith's Vital Records, but may be available in the genealogical files of the Eastham Historical Society Archives.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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